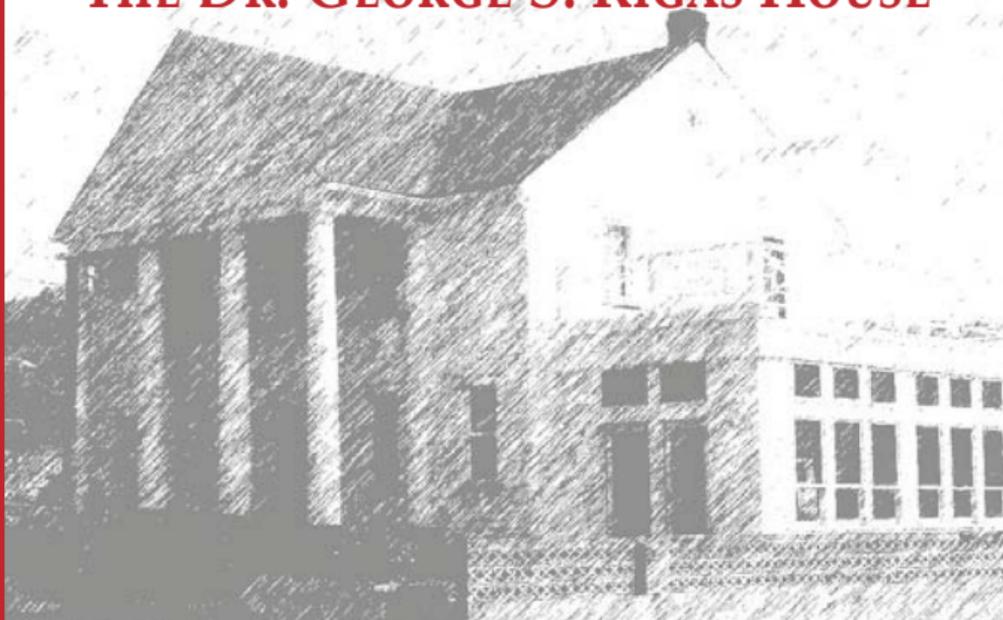


# THE DR. GEORGE S. RIGAS HOUSE



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Dr. George S. Rigas House holds a special place in the hearts of the people of Weirton, West Virginia.

Built of wood, with a roof line that includes three gables, the house's dominant feature is a long, front portico, supported by four white columns, consistent with late 19th and 20th century Colonial Revival homes.

The floors of the four bedroom home, oak downstairs and pine upstairs, are original, as are the front and back staircases, fireplace mantles, front door and bathroom fixtures. Several features, such as the black and white Italian marble floor in the foyer and the first-floor conference room, have been added in a 2005 renovation by owners Attorney Sharon N. Bogarad and husband, Ron Kinney.

Dr. George S. Rigas was born on the island of Kalymnos, Greece in 1895. He graduated from the National University of Athens, School of Medicine and, after completing his internship and postgraduate studies, returned to Kalymnos to begin his medical practice in 1918. Hearing of the growth of the steel mills in the Ohio Valley from a cousin in Wheeling, WV, Dr. Rigas later emigrated to the United States and settled in Weirton in 1921.

After marrying Ms. Pauline Petrides in 1935, Dr. & Mrs. Rigas began to develop ideas for a home in what was known as Holidays Cove. Mrs. Rigas was fond of the Colonial style houses that she saw while visiting relatives in South Carolina, and the couple used those design elements in the planning of their new home.

Known for his community involvement and respected by his colleagues for his medical accomplishments, Dr. Rigas will always be remembered for his willingness to care for his patients at any hour of the day; at times, in his own home.